

# **Sand Lake Community Council (SLCC) Meeting**

## **March 18, 2024 | 6:30PM - 8:30PM**

- 1. Welcome / Call to Order - 6:38pm**
- 2. Approval the Minutes - Approved**
- 3. President's Report**
  - a. West Side Mayoral Forum went well
  - b. Items for the next meeting, April 8:
    - i. Campbell Lake Access
    - ii. HOME Initiative, Rabbit Creek Community Council
- 4. Treasurer's Report - nothing to report**
- 5. Alaska Legislature Reports**
  - a. Senator Matt Claman**
    - i. Of 12 executive orders, 10 were disputed, 8 were overturned.
    - ii. The Gov. vetoed the BSA increase, the legislature failed to override by 1 vote. (Sen. Claman voted to override, Rep McKay voted not to override).
    - iii. Federal grant money came through with a \$5M match to help get Sand Lake neighborhoods onto city water. Linda raises that her neighborhood has been left out of the water project, where PFAS contamination has been documented to some level. Linda and Liz concerned that their neighborhood was not included.
  - b. Representative Tom McKay**
    - i. Friday was the 60-day mark.
    - ii. February had lots of budget subcommittee meetings.
    - iii. Due to the failed veto override SB140 is no longer, but HB392 has all the same features of SB140, including the BSA increase (\$680), broadband connectivity for rural schools (BAGbill), language for charter schools, money for transportation, for correspondence study (homeschool), support for the READS Act, a section on teacher recruitment and retention (3-year bonuses: \$5k urban / \$10k transitional / \$15k rural)... Once "education is behind us" the legislature will, "focus on energy."
  - c. Representative Jennie Armstrong**
  - d. Representative Andy Josephson**
    - i. Rep. Josephson voted in favor of the override. HB 140 would have made the BSA increase state statute, which would have been unprecedented for Gov. to veto, but alas. Hasn't reviewed HB 392 yet.
    - ii. There's a good chance a Josephson bill will become a law: moves from a A misdemeanor to a C felony, vandalism of a house of worship.

Recommended by the Anti Defamation League. Would use Webster's Dictionary to define "desecration" as it relates to prosecution.

- iii. RE: budget, working through an amendment process to allocate money through the budget process.

## **6. Anchorage Assembly Report**

### **a. Kameron Perez-Verdia**

- i. Body Cameras update - 121 are now on the street and are paired with dash cameras.
- ii. Election is on April 2, return your ballot by mail, dropbox or visit an AVC starting on March 25.
- iii. Housing Action Plan has been adopted, current projects include:
  - 1. Vacant & Abandoned Project, request for federal funding approved.
  - 2. Development of 3rd Party Review for Commercial Development approved.
  - 3. Reducing Open Space Requirements, approved.
  - 4. Reducing hurdles for rehabbing old buildings, approved.
  - 5. Short Term Rental licensing, pending, on the March 19 agenda.
  - 6. Housing Opportunities in the Municipality for Everyone (HOME) Initiative - simplifying residential zoning, Anna Brawley to attend April SLCC meeting to present on HOME Initiative.
- iv. Prop 14 - Marijuana Tax for Child Care, implementation team is working on building an accountability board.
- v. Looking at a new snow dump off of Connor's Bog

## **7. Anchorage School Board Report**

### **a. School Board Member Kelly Lessens**

- i. Lottery is open for 3 more days, closes at 5pm on March 21 ([asdk12.org/lottery](https://asdk12.org/lottery)).
- ii. ASD Budget: the current budget assumes no increase, and relies on savings and surplus from vacancy. Eliminates the Ignite program, cut 10 teacher positions. Asked Assembly to consider \$8M expansion to cover the baseline, called the "expanded request."
- iii. ASD Bond: \$60M bond to benefit 25% of enrolled students. Bond indebtedness has been flat (slightly decreasing) since around 2010, but deferred maintenance has increased, now nearing \$1B in deferred maintenance.
- iv. School Start Change: the board took up the school start change in fall 2022 and decided to implement the change with months of lead time for families and school operations to prepare for the change. Schools provide before- and after-school care.

## **8. Ted Stevens International Airport**

### **a. Erik Petersen**

- i. 2024 Summer Construction Schedule and Map, only includes airport projects, not private developments (such as Northlink).
- ii. Arctic Winter Games boosted charter flights
- iii. Noise concerns due to heightened wind. Wind has settled down, so normal operations have returned.
- iv. Lead testing has not been performed at Lake Hood in about a decade.
- v. Job Fair happening this Sat. March 23 @ North Terminal

## **9. Airport Subcommittee** - nothing to report, see [February minutes](#) for Master Plan update.

## **10. Other Business**

### **a. Indigenous Placenames Movement with Parks Foundation + Huddle**

- i. 7 new placenames going up this year, with 2 at Kincaid Park:
  1. Point Campbell
  2. Fire Island
- ii. The [project website](#) has pronunciations.

### **b. Improvements to Jewel Lake Terrace St.**

### **c. MOA Parks & Recreation**

- i. Kincaid Motocross Improvements, slated for this summer using FEMA - expect increased truck traffic this summer
- ii. Pam Joy Lowry Park Improvements, slated for this summer dealing with drainage and degradation of pathway.

### **d. Chugach Access Service Area (CASA) Bond with Roger Marks**

- i. Voters approved the CASA in 2021
- ii. Bond to pay for road and parking improvements to access the park.

## **11. Move to Adjourn: 8:58pm**